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SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM: US-TURKEY AGREEMENT AND US
PAYMENTS

1. AT THE END OF AN OCT. 5 CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER MATTER
WITH UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SISCO, TURKISH
FINANCE MINISTER BAYKAL SAID THAT TURKEY WAS WILLING TO
"RE-WRITE" THE AGREEMENT OF MAY 27, 1972, BETWEEN TURKEY
AND THE US WHICH PROVIDED \$10 MILLION FOR FINANCING INCOME
SUBSTITUTION PROJECTS. TURKEY WOULD AGREE THAT SINCE THE
BAN HAS BEEN RESCINDED, THE US NEED DISBURSE NO FURTHER
MONEY UNDER THE AGREEMENT. BAYKAL SAID AID OFFICERS IN
ANKARA HAD RECENTLY REGISTERED WITH HIS MINISTRY THEIR
CONCERN THAT THE US-TURKISH AGREEMENT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE
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THE NEW REALITY. BAYKAL SAID HIS GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS

THAT THE US SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PAY ANY FURTHER FUNDS UNDER THE AGREEMENT NOW THAT TURKEY HAS RESUMED POPPY PLANTING, AND THAT THE GOT IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THE US HOW THE PAPERWORK CAN BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THIS.

2. BAYKAL OBSERVED IN PASSING THAT THE TURKISH DECISION AGAINST POPPY INCISION MEANS THAT TURKEY WILL NEED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN GETTING STRAW PROCESSING UNDERWAY. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THE UN WOULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY AID.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT INADVISABLE EFFECT FORMAL AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT AND PREFER THAT AGREEMENT DIE A NATURAL DEATH ON MAY 27, 1975. BOTH SIDES APPEAR TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL MAKE NO FURTHER DISBURSEMENTS AND WE SEE NO NEED TO PUBLICIZE THIS POINT. IN THE INTEREST OF PRUDENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, HOWEVER, WE SEE NEED DEOBLIGATE REMAINING DOLS 5.1 MILLION AND RECOMMEND THAT MISSION UNDERTAKE DEOBLIGATION ACTION SOONEST. INGERSOLL

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